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THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Senate Bill 1133: AAC INNOVATIVE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

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TESTIMONY OF COMMISSIONER KEVIN DELGOBBO

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) would like to comment on Senate Bill No. 1133. Senate Bill No. 1133 would provide a tax credit for "qualified voltage reduction technologies". Generally, the Department does not comment on bills whose purpose is to provide a tax credit since it is not the usual purview of our Department. However, this bill is different in that it would draw the tax credit from the Conservation and Load Management fund, a fund which is under the Department's authority and is currently struggling to support its important programs that are largely over-subscribed to and under constant threat of being raided to support other state encumbrances. Therefore, while the Department recognizes the laudable intent of this bill, it cannot pledge its support to programs which would drain the fund of its resources during these trying financial times and that would use electric ratepayer money for purposes other than electric in nature.

The Department would like to remind the Committee that the Conservation and Load Management Fund is specific in its purpose with respect to the programs which are authorized to draw from its proceeds. Moreover, the Department is concerned about the possibility that just a few technologies that would qualify under this proposed bill might be large enough in their request to withdraw and deplete the entire fund.

The Department thanks the Committee for this opportunity to testify and is available for questions.